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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SECURING
BODY TISSUE

Examiner: Glenn Dawson

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2007, please enter the following remarks into the file of the above-entitled application.

In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet. Applicants submit, these amendments and remarks serve to clarify the present invention, and are independent of patentability.

In The Cross Reference to Related Applications

Please delete ¶0001 of the application under the “Cross Reference to Related Applications” section. Applicants wish to make no priority claim to any earlier filed applications.